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## Exhibition To Present Modern Art

An exhibition that stands as monument to art in America to the bold vision of a woman in the early part of this century is scheduled to appear from December 4 through 8 on Mary Washington College campus.

The Virginia Museum's Artmobile IV will present "Treas-ures from the Whitney Museum," an exhibition which pays tribute an exhibition which pays tribute to New York City's Whitney Museum of American Art and to its founder, the late Mrs. Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney.

The mobile gallery will be

located in the vacant lot opposite duPont Hall at the corner of College Avenue and Thornton Street. If inclement weather or soft ground makes that site unusuable, the Artmobile will move to the parking lot of the Park and Shop shopping center.

exhibition contains paintings and drawings from the Whitney collection, Lyonel Feininger, Milton Avery, Reginald Marsh, and other great American artists of the 20th century

are represented.
Also included are works by Arthur Dove, Louis M. Ellshe-mius, Jared French, Harry Gottlieb, Marsden Hartley, Rockwell Kent, Leon Kroll, Henry Matt-

son, and Maurice Sterne.

The oils, watercolors, and drawings on the Artmobile reflect both abstract and illustrative styles in painting. They all employ a central theme: man's relationship to the sea and other

According to Mr. Robert D.
Kinsman, Director of Exhibitions, the Artmobile will be open the College community and the public Monday, December 4, through Friday, December 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. p.m., Arrangements for special class visits to the Artmobile may be made by calling Mr. Kinsman at Extension 362

#### Film Festival Of **Short Subjects**

The first Mary Washington Festival of Films will be held on November 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. in George Washington Auditorium. The films being shown are "No Credit," "The Chicken," and "The Overcoat" on Nov. 28; and "How To Eat," "Button...
Button," "A Short Happy Day from the Journal of A," "The Critic," and "Window Water Baby Moving." Tickets will be on sale in ACL and in the residence halls beginning today and will be available on the nights of performance at the door; price is 50¢ for each night,



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Conformity or Nonconformity?

## Honoraries Tap Qualified Members Into Their Ranks

Mary Washington's honorary fraternities inducted eighty-nine new members November 16, intwo faculty members and four Fredericksburg resi-

Alpha Psi Omega, National Honorary Dramatics Fraternity which requires a B average in their major and an over-all C average from prospective mem-bers, became "co-educational" after its tapping on November 16. Four Fredericksburg residents, Bud Helman, Jerry Cox, Tom Folk, and Don Reid, were inducted as honorary members in addition to Mary Washington students Nancy Ellen Eicholtz, Elizabeth James, and Frances Eileen Rodgers.

The National Honorary Psychology Fraternity, Known as Psi Chi, inducted two faculty in addition to four members students who met the requirements of a B average in psychology and at least an over-all C Mr. Harry Chipman average. Miss Kay Phifer of the plogy department were psychology tapped along with students Dancy Cowan, Evelyn Grant, Sue Logan, and Belinda Lowen-

Three new members were tapped by Eta Sigma Phi, National Honorary Classics Fraternity, which requires an over-all 2.5 average and a B average in 12 hours of Latin and Greek.

Inducted were Ingrid Lourenco, Christina Varian, and Ann Ruff. Phi Sigma lota, National Hon-orary Romance Language Fra-ternity, inducted twelve new members. Meeting the require-ments of knowledge of a romance language, with plans to continue in a conversational or literature course, in the language, and an over-all 3.0 average, were Marie Bast, Barbara Baxter, Kathleen Bell, Barbara Black, Marianne Cadle, and Margaret Chastek. Also inducted

were Barbara Churney, Valerie Dannehl, Jean Kelley, Joan Mueller Evelyn Rowe, and Mary Roganski.

Thrity-five students who maintained at least a 3.5 average for two consecutive semesters were inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma, National Honorary Scholastic Fraternity. Inducted were Mary Ellen Ashelford, Barbara Bailey, Phyliss Botchin, Linda K. Bowers, Marianne Cadle, Miriam Colwell, and Marion Alice Davis.

Also inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma were Victoria Doggett, Miriam Elaine Draver, Victoria Ann Floyd, Mary Elizabeth Fulcher, Cheryl Jeanne Grissom, Connie Leone Hames, and Susan Marvin Jacob.

Also Mary Elizabeth James, Jean Elizabeth Kelley, Toni Etta Mary Margaret Lawson, Lucinda Parshall Long, Sara the girls rather than the school's Belinda Lowenhaupt, Judith Gall academic standing. "Although Mahanes, Carol Muldoon, and betty Lou Peele,
Also Carol Anne Peterson,

Linda Larkin Ritter, Kathy Lou Schneider, Mrs. Phyllis Schrich Krause, Mary Katherine Van Susan Wagner, and Can-Lear,

dace Whitmer.

Also tapped by Alpha Phi
Sigma were Jane Wilfong, Mary
P. Williams, Elizabeth S. Witner, Mrs. Judy Bennett Russell, and Mrs. Susan Williams Cliff.

The English Honorary Frater-nity tapped one new member who met the requirements of majoring in English, having 18 hours of English courses, a 3.0 average in English, a 2.8 over-all average, and some experience on a college publication, Inducted was Martha Sandman.

Kappa Omicron Phi, National Home Economics Fraternity, recognized three students who met requirements of being a junior or senior enrolled in home

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## Students Protest For **Change In Regulation**

views on present dress regulations, some 50 students appeared in slacks at meals and classes last Tuesday. Their action, a violation of an SGA regulation, resulted in a verbal reprimand and a record of the offense to be put in each individual's judicial file, but also provoked a campus-wide referendum to consider the abolishment of dress regulations.

According to protesters, the day of demonstration proceeded without incident, though many had expected to be asked to leave their classes because of improper dress.

At a rally in Monroe gymnasium that evening, attended by supporters and non-supporters -including a counter protest by ten Virginia form counsellors and freshmen dressed in formals, views were exhanged on the purpose and effects of the protest. Repeatedly questioned about the value of breaking a rule in order to get it changed, Cindy Long, a member of the group; replied, "This is the philosophy of civil disobedience -that every individual must decide in his heart and mind what he thinks is right

She continued to explain that the issue of what students wear to class was not the essence of the protest. "Dress is a stupid, assinine thing. We're concerned about the larger problem of enforced conformity, which we think

Other arguments from people who disagreed with the protest were that the image of the college would be lowered if students were allowed to wear slacks, because people generally judge college by the appearance of the girls rather than the school's

cover, everyone does," she con-cluded. The reply to this statement came from Marilyn Preble, who said "If Mary Washington's image depends on how people dress, then Mary Washington's image could not be very impor-

Another girl questioned, "If everybody here started wearing slacks, think what type of student would be attracted to come here." To this suggestion, the protesters applauded loudly,

At the Judicial Council meeting Thursday night, Lawson Stillman Judicial Vice President, told the offenders, "A student govern-ment regulation has been blatantviolated, Judicial Council will not tolerate such disregard for the rules." She then referred to matriculation statement, signed by all students upon enter-ing the college, which reads, in part, "We accept the obligation of upholding the standards and abiding by the regulations of the institution."

After administering the verbal reprimand and informing the protesters that records of the violation would go on their judicial records, Lawson warned that 'more stringent action will be taken in the case of further viola-

### Junior Class To Hold Bazaar On December 6

The annual Junior Class Bazaar will be held on December 6, 1967, from 7-10:00 p.m. in the Ann Carter Lee Ballroom. Tickets, which will go on sale after Thanksgiving holidays, will be sold in the dorms and at the door. Door prizes will be given.

Scheduled activities of the Bazaar include a psychedelic booth, a fortune telling booth, and the appearance of Santa Claus (a Mary Washington faculty member in disguise. Items made by the Junior class will be on sale. A combo will entertain, and refreshments will be served.

The purpose of the Bazaar is to raise money for the Jr. Ring Dance. Serving as co-chairmen of the bazaar are Joan Whitaker and Lee Harris. Juniors can turn in their items to the class contacts in their respective



Photo by Tacey Battley

"It isn't easy!" say the newly tapped members of the honorary fraternities.

FOUND - on walk between Virginia and Chandler a contact lens case containing the lenses. Please contact Betty Stansell, Mason 511, Ext. 474.

### Dress-Individual Standard

The recent controversy over the validity of dress regulations extends beyond the spectrum of individual rights. Its significance les in its relationship and responsibilities of the minority. This may seem a rather severe comparison with a movement whose avowed purpose is to oppose "enforced conformity," yet the similarity remains. The dictum that we, as individuals, have the right to dress as we see fit, when expressed through a flagrant flaunting of regulations, can be interpreted, in a broader sense, as a challenge to the entire democratic process of law and order.

Theoretically, we agree that students should have the right to decide what they will wear. We therefore give our indorcement to the proposed delineation of the "Dress Regulations" clause. However, we feel that in its place should be a statement that students are to be held responsible for maintaining a neat and presentable appearance at all times. Further, the revision should include the stipulation that professors, librarians, and dining room hostesses have the right to deny admission to students not conforming with this proposed standard. The majority has the right to expect this much from the minority.

Although we agree with the purpose of the mobilizaton, we cannot condone its conduct. To openly flaunt explicit regulations shows both irresponsibility and disregard for authority.

The question of conduct has far reaching implications. Do citizens of any community have the rights to disobey the rules governing them? Thoreau said "yes"; we say "no," for we have seen the results of such disrespect for authority in Detroit, Cleveland, and New York.

As a democratically run community we have the responsibility, as Americans no less than Mary Washington students, to uphold the rules of our society - or change them judiciously. When we matriculated to this institution we pledged to abide by its laws. And until these regulations have been changed, by the consent of the majority, we are all bound to uphold them. To do otherwise would promote anarchy. This condemnation is extreme but disobedience of one regulation leads to the challenging of the authenticity of the entire system.

The test is yet to come. Whether or not these students will accept the decision of the majority if unfavorable will demonstrate their support, or lack of it, for our system and, indeed, for the entire democratic tradition.

M. M.

## Little Series Holds Concert

November 30 in George Washington Auditorium in a Little Series presentation. Miss Deiparine has been invited to the campus through the efforts of the Mary Washington Phi Psi Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, international professional music sorority. This concert is one in the series of Sterling Staff Con-

certs. The Sterling Staff Concerts the college administration MØE Memorial Foundation in 1964 for the purpose of "giving aspiring young musicians an opportunity gain performing experience. Filling these engagements forms a bridge between the debut and the professional concert career."
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Asuncion Deiparine performs selected in bienial auditions and then presented in chapter sponsored concerts.

Miss Deiparine (or Asuncion 'Shawnee,' as her sisters call her) received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Teresa's College in her home town, Cebu Philippines. She applied to the Julliard School of Music in New York City in order to get to the United States, but never expecting to use her musical talent professionally. She was initiated a member of MØE in May 1965. She graduated in 1966, the recipient of the outstanding member award from Epsilon Psi Chapter and the Alice Breem Award for the Alice graduate of Julliard with the highest rating.

## The Bullet



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## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor of the Bullet:

"I'm losing my identity." The speaker usually rationalizes that he is being forced to conform by some monster, be it an insti-tution or an IBM card. An ad-monishment, that any book knows that conformity is bad, often follows. Recently, two local verses to this lament were presented. One took the form of an editorial. The other was stern declaration of intent to revolt against authority.

The editorial was interesting and, to a certain extent, amus-ing. The amusement stemmed from a glaring contradiction. A statement on the evils of isolation was preceded by an ac-knowledgement that isolation is greatly diminished on weekends. How isolated can you be when you are only a few blocks from bus station? As the writer indicated, behavior is as much a function of an individual's previous experience as the current environment. It should be noted the similarity of backgrounds which the writer decried is related to the restrictions placed on the college by its charter. This is the women's college of the state of Virginia. Therefore, most of the student body would be expected to come from the

The editorial writer questioned the value of conformity, consider, the implications of non-conformity. There is adequate research to show that much of behavior is maintained by expectancies. Without some degree of conformity or uniformity behavioral breakdown is highly probable. Consider the person who gets ill when confronted by a dismembered body at an auto accident.

opposition to a dress standard is another matter. The student's costume concerns me to the extent that it influences the conduct of my courses. may have some secondary interests in this topic as it contributes to my study of behavior. However, the principles involved implications which apparently have received little attention from the protesting group. The protestors acknowledged the principle of majority rule and then announced that they would ignore it. This nation maintains that it is to be governed by law not by the arbitrary whim of

ends justify means?") The question of minority rights was raised. What are they? According to the United States Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court, these rights are nothing more or less than those of the majority. Further, by accepting admission to the college the student agrees to be by its regulations. should be noted that the student not enter this covenant blindly - the college does have

some group, e.g., mob rule. (The

question might be raised "do

a reputation.
H. L. Chipman

To the Editor:

Having just returned from a hall meeting in my dorm which dealt with a number of changes for our school system, and after reading the editorial by Miss Vantrease entitled "An Identity Crisis" (Nov. 13), I find it necessary to take pen-in-hand and expound on a few things which concern me as a freshman.

In her editorial, the managing editor has stated that the average Mary Washington woman is

'pretty well defined and stereoand that "she can be identified by conventional dress."
Has Mary Washington caused
the girl to be conventional, or she already established in her thoughts on clothing before she came to school?

I doubt seriously if a student decided the minute she was accepted here to run right out to her local collegiate fashion store and purchase a complete new wardrobe for her new environment. She had probably developed some standards of dress before she entered this school. Is there anything wrong with looking neat? Maybe some students prefer a skirt and sweater to a striped mini-dress.

The writer goes on to say that the typical Mary Washington girl has an "avid desire to get away on weekends." Again, what is wrong with this? After a week of studying, eating in the same dining hall, and seeing the same people every day, a change in atmosphere is greatly needed.

The next paragraph of Miss Vantrease's article is sounjustified that I find it difficult to gather my thoughts so that I may express them sufficiently,

but allow me to try.

How can Mary Washington possibly be considered "iso-lated?" It is one of the most centrally situated colleges in Virginia. If Fredericksburg is such an undesirable location, why then didn't these discontented students apply to schools in more thriving communities? Better yet, why doesn't S.I.C. propose that the campus be moved to Richmond or to Washington, D.C. and possibly change the name to Mary Westhampton Washington U.?

The other reason for the unrest here at school, she said, is possibly due to "the fact that the majority of the students come from within the state." As a state-supported institution, why shouldn't the majority of students come from Virginia?

I do not believe that the students here are only concerned with the "immediate," or why else would we be here? Education prepares us for the future. Neither do I believe that all of us have limited experieces. As an Army "brat," I have found that many students have had experiences which I have not had, and conversely, I have had many which they have not had.

I also think that the girls here are concerned about events other than the Ring Dance and May Day. Ironically enough, an example of this was given on a two-page spread in the same issue of the BULLET in which this editorial was printed. I am speaking of the students who have involved themselves in the "Head Start" program here in Fredericksburg.

The writer continues by asking, "when freshmen enter Mary Washington College, are they encouraged to maintain their individuality, or are they forced into the mold?" As a freshman I feel qualified to say that I have never had as much freedom, personal or academic, as I do now, and I do not feel hampered or obligated to conform to anything if it is against

my personal judgment. She also asks if, "when student whose ideas are slightly different from those of the majority has the strength to stand up for what she believes, is she

applauded for her courage and strong convictions, or is she ostracized and labelled as a 'rabble rouser,'" Here she has failed to mention that it is not the fact that the girl is standing up for her opinions, but that she may be suggesting something that is not beneficial to the rest of the students.

Since this is a community, we must remember that conside tion for the majority should be foremost in our decisions.

At the end of the article the writer says that, "the rights of free thinking, free evaluating, and free speech are the essence of a liberal arts education." Change for the sake of change is NOT essential for a liberal arts education. Because we all must live together, our freedom must not infringe upon the freedom of others.

In conclusion I would like to say that Mary Washington everything and even more than I had expected from college. I feel very sorry for those who are dissatisfied here because they neither realize nor appreciate the advantages before

them. All of us are here because we were acceptable in the eyes of the Admissions Board and because the college was accepta-ble to us. Anyone who does not feel fortunate to be here should think about the space she is occupying in which numerous other girls were rejected.

Laurie McIntosh

Dear Editor, From the editorial in the November 13 issue of the BULLET, it appears that as a member of Mary Washington College student body I am faced with being tagged an apathetic conformist who lacks intellectual stimulation. I for one am growing rather weary of having this label waved in front of my face, and I would like to abolish my supposed apathy by speaking out about the letter in the BUL-LET concerning dress regulations.

wholeheartedly agree that minority rights should be protected despite the majority decision, but I fail to see any logic whatsoever in the definition of minority rights which read, can choose his own anvone standards so long as his actions do not impinge on anyone else's If this were so, we should allow students to wear curlers to class if the minority so desired.

I contend that there certainly is a legitimate basis for the dress regulations at MWC. It is a basis that our free dress advocates seem to have overlooked completely - good taste, No society can become so modern that it can dismiss good taste from their policy making. Some students seem to fear that if Mary Washington adheres to a

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### **Bullet To Judge Door Decoration**

The Bullet is sponsoring its annual Christmas Door Decoracontest again this year. Deadline for decorated doors is Monday, December 18.

Door decorations may be entered in three categories: traditional, religious and humorous or

most original.

Doors will be judged by the Bullet staff, and prizes will be awarded at the Campus Christmas party.

Dr. Gyorgy is the author of "Problems of International Relations," "Issues of World Communism," "Communism in Perspective," "Ideologies in World Affairs," Eastern European Gov-ernment and Politics," "Basic Issues in International Rela-

Honoraries

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economics courses, withan average of 3.2 in home economics and an over-all 2.2 average. Tapped were Ruth Swart Moulton, Beverly Clare, and Sally ton, Ber Gaffney.

Thirteen students were tapped by Sigma Omega Chi, the Na-tional Honorary Sociological Society, which requires 9 hours in sociology, a B average in soci-ology courses, a 2.75 over-all average, and no failures in the semester preceding induction. Tapped were Cathy Allen, Adeline Bowen, Evelyn Burks, Patricia Anne Grant, and Ann Ken-ney. Also tapped were Carol Lupton, Nancy Motley, Margaret Noll, Vicki Null, Mrs. Marilyn Sherman, Alicia Tilton, Kerry Walsh, and Joan Westerkamp. Chi Beta Phi, National Hon-orary Science Fraternity, requiring a 3.5 average in 20 semester hours of math and science, and a 3.0 over-all average, inducted 9 new members. Tapped were Kay Badran, Mirian Drayer, Susan Jacob, Paula Taylor, and

Whitley, Jan Alice Clagett. Mu Phi Epsilon, National Hon-orary Music Fraternity, and Pi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Honorary Society, did not tap at this time. Pi Gamma Mu, however, has plans to tap within the near future.

Janice Rodgers. Also inducted

were Linda Vaughan Smith, Sue Whitley, Jan Whitaker, and

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## Dress Protest Brings Letters from Page 2

bit of good taste, principally in the area of dress regulations, that we will be dubbed graduates of a Southern ladies finishing school. This fear is entirely unfounded, and anyone believing MWC still holds this label needs

a bit of updating themselves. Of course there is room for improvement and change in our school policies, but there has already been abuse of the privilege of wearing slacks in the library. If this privilege were extended to the classroom, I shudder to think what outfits might turn up. We all know what standards Mary Washington had when we came here. Many students are here precisely BE-CAUSE the standards are what they are. There are many other schools in the United States that permit free dress regulations, and I urge any misplaced Berkeleyites to look them over. Joan Pervier

Dear Editor.

These girls who want to wear slacks and blue jeans anywhere would be very insulted if a young man did not treat them as ladies; yet they refuse to ACT like ladies. I have heard many people in Fredericksburg comment on how nice Mary Washington girls look. "You can always tell a Mary Washington girl," they say: "she's the one who's neat."

In this day of protests against anything and everything, some people seem to have lost their self-pride and self-respect; still, we're never too old to learn. I

pain to put on a skirt; it would be so easy to go "just as you are." Yet the feeling you get when you know you look your best, and the compliments that come when you are nicely dressed, far outweigh any inconvenience you might have had.

We are never too old to learn good taste; but if we do not learn self-discipline now, in an-other five years it WILL be too late. Self-discipline is not an easy thing to achieve; it takes years of hard work. Yet, if the goal is achieved, it is well worth all the time and effort. Some people here need to be taught, BY RULES IF NECESSARY, that faded blue jeans, sloppy sweatshirts, and ragged tennis shoes are incorrect for all oc-

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casions except housecleaning and some types of painting. They will never be correct or attractive in classes, at meals, in the library, or downtown; and this is true both at college and at home.

I do not want to live in a

pig-pen, and I am sure that

most of the students here feel the same way. For those stu-dents who do not like the Mary Washington traditions of ladylike dress and behavior, I can suggest several schools where they would feel right at home. All I ask is that they leave our

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not like being in the minority, they should attend a school where they would be in the majority.

As for their statement that they do not want the majority to impose rules on them, I have always been taught that one of the foundations of the American way is majority rule. Since these people are so interested in minority rights, I suggest that they expend their energy more useful way; for ce, they might work instance, PEACEFULLY to end discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups. It's sad that in this world of so much poverty and hunger and hatred they find the Mary Washington dress regulations most important.

Barbara Skolaut

Dear Editor,

are those at Mary There Washington who feel that the dress code should not be changed, but should be absolutely enforced until such time as it is. These same people often 'make no bones' about not observing other regulations (e.g. observance of study hour; taking BOOKS as well as coats to the coat rooms; pulling shades down after dark).

A rule is a rule. As such, it should be strictly enforced. If it is not enforced, then there is no need for it, and it should be abolished.

Mary Diane Weaver

I would like to extend this open letter to my fellow students here at Mary Washington.

As a student eager to see Mary Washington, my soon-to-be alma mater, become more realistic in its purpose of preparing students to enter the cold, cruel world, knowing how to accept responsibility and ready to play the independent adult role, I fail to see what constructive purpose student mobilization for elimination of dress regulations has.

Are we trying to be realistic, or are we acting like children, trying idealistically to get away with murder, i. e. demanding what we want in a 3-year-old manner.

I challenge the right of stu-dents to demand the "freedom" to dress like Bohemian raga muffins if they so desire. Individual freedom extends only to the boundaries of another's freedom. In this case, I fell that existing minority groups on campus are infringing on my freedom - the freedom to attend the type to attend the type of school I desired. Like many students, I am proud of our school's heritage, its steeped tradition. Mary Washington is one of the few Southern women's colleges left where academic excellence and social well-being are still preserved.

I chose to be a student here knowing this. I am a student now, striving to live up to my future alma mater's standards. Iam not against change, but against immature demonstrations, and Iam willing to fight a minority which intends to impose its beliefs on the majority. This is not freedom. This is not democracy. This is anarchy - and a grave violation of individual rights. And it is not realistic, but rather child-

How are we, the majority, going to cope with this problem? First of all, we could export our minoto institutions such as Berkeley, where I wish they would have applied and gone in the first place, instead of trying to make our school into a smaller version of the same.

Secondly, Secondly, we cannot ignore them nor listen to their "rumblings," because then we would not acting very democratically. (They say fight fire with fire but there is some dignity involved in lowering oneself that low.)

Thirdly, is the problem big enough on our campus to merit such widespread attention? I doubt it. Children often throw temper tantrums in order to receive attention. However, we as the student body, cannot afford to ignore the situation and remain in our isolated and ignorant shells - least we be swayed wrongly by the minority and their soothing song of the Sirens.

Our only defense, before we run the risk of turning our school over, in future years, to dictators mouthing words of love and brotherhood - a mutual fight against the tyranny of our elders - is to seek out the truth. As individuals, we must become informed and involved. We cannot vote on issues not knowing the facts. We owe this much, I think, to Mary Washington in returnfor our college years.

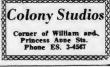
We are going to be the ones to decide the future of our college. If we are adult enough to accept the responsibility of adulthood then we are going to have to accept it entirely. We cannot be adult in some areas and childish in others. The discontinuity implies that we are still adolescent in our behavior and thinking. Slacks would be nice on cold, snowy days, but I doubt if our future employers would think so.

We might as well admit it. We are not, and we never will be as as we would like to be. Society dictates the norm, and those who yell "freedom, freedom," fall by the wayside as unproductive members, and are labeled as "hippies," etc. This is a "free" country, and

maybe we do have the right to decide our own dress rules - but

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